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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of **Marc FERRATO, Alain PETITBON, and Jean JARRIGE**  
**A METHOD OF FABRICATING AN ALUMINUM NITRIDE (AIN) SUBSTRATE**  
Assignee: **ALSTOM**  
Our Ref. **Q77425**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 8 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$750.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$750.00</b>

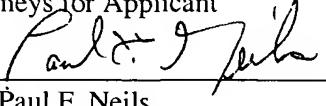
A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	02 11 898	September 26, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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